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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10 and ending at line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the prior Japanese patent application 2002-113820 "Off-line diagnosis system," the applicant has disclosed technology concerning an off-line diagnosis system in a process control system comprising a host application and field instruments that perform digital communication with the application.